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SPECIAL SECURITY CENTER

As part of the Executive Staff the Special Security Center (SSC) establishes security policy for the extraordinary protection of certain designated intelligence collection programs conducted by CIA and other agencies represented on USIB. It formulates procedures for the implementation of this security policy on a community-wide basis. By application of uniform compartmented security control systems maximum protection is thus afforded these programs from the initial planning stages, during research and development, procurement, deployment and operation on through the exploitation and dissemination of the end products.

The Center conducts in depth such surveys and inspections as are required to develop policy requirements and conducts, independently and in coordination with other agencies, periodic surveys and inspections to determine compliance with established security policies, practices and procedures for two compartmented systems.

The SSC furnishes security guidance on matters dealing with downgrading, decontrol, sanitization or public release of information

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related to these programs. It monitors news media to keep currently informed as to the effectiveness of established security policy and the extent of possibly erosive speculations.

To ensure most effective protection of these programs among personnel in US Government agencies not represented on USIB, in the Executive Offices of the President, and those appointed to Presidential committees or study panels, the Center closely monitors the processing of all special clearance actions and conducts the briefings and debriefings of personnel involved. It also provides other briefings when called so to do.

The SSC also provides a full-time security officer to the staff of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (R&D) who manages these special programs to insure uniform application of these security policy standards among participating agencies.

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MISSION AND DUTIES OF THE SPECIAL SECURITY CENTER

Security Guidance:

25X1A The SSC effects the necessary research, preparation and coordination and issues security directives and guidance for the extraordinary protection of the [REDACTED] TKH, SI and [REDACTED] compartmented intelligence collection programs. The Center has the responsibility to provide this security guidance for these four separate compartmented programs. This guidance is provided for all U.S. Government agencies, elements of U.S. private industry concerned with these programs and [REDACTED]

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25X1C [REDACTED] The Center represents the DCI and the Director of Security as the security advisor to the USIB and the Executive Branch of government on compartmented security matters.

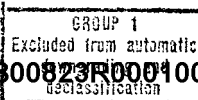
Liaison:

25X1C The SSC has the responsibility for establishing and maintaining liaison with all interested U.S. Government agencies, participating U.S. industrial firms, and [REDACTED] on matters relating to compartmented intelligence collection programs. This liaison includes SSC contact with the following: all USIB member agencies, particularly NSA and DIA; White House; Office of the Vice President; National Security Council; President's Scientific Advisory Committee; President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board; National Aeronautics and Space Council; Office of Emergency Preparedness; Bureau of the Budget; Department of the Treasury; United States Information Agency; and Special [REDACTED]

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Surveys and Compartmented Areas:

25X1C A basic function of the SSC is to survey or cause to be surveyed all facilities where compartmented intelligence information is being prepared, used or stored. This essential feature is closely

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allied with another vital SSC function, namely the accreditation of facilities for the storage and use of this compartmented material. There are approximately some [REDACTED] worldwide which are of security concern to the SSC.

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SPECIAL SECURITY CENTER

I. HISTORY

A Special Security Center was established under the direction of the Director of Security in August 1962 to devote its total effort toward fulfilling the Security responsibilities of the DCI to Program I.

II. AUTHORITY

The Office of Security, CIA, through a written agreement between the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence dated 25 April 1962, was assigned responsibility for the establishment and implementation of security policy for major programs conducted by CIA and other agencies. Subsequent agreements between the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence dated August 1963 and August 1965 reiterated this responsibility.

III. PURPOSE AND MISSION

The Center is manned to perform the following functions:

1. Formulate security policy for [redacted] and

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✓ define security practices and procedures under which the Program will operate.

2. Provide procedures for the delegation of security responsibility through the Director, Program I, to the major components of the Program or to other departments

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and agencies as appropriate.

3. Provide systems for security surveys to gather information on which to base security policy requirements and to determine the effectiveness of security policies, practices and procedures.

4. Furnish security guidance on matters dealing with the public release of [REDACTED] or related information.

5. Furnish a Chief of Security to the Staff of Program II.

6. Furnish the CIA "T" Security Officer; the Alternate "T" Security Officer, the [REDACTED]; and the Alternate [REDACTED]

7. Conduct Security Briefings on all Compartmented Security Systems for non-USIB agencies and departments.

8. Take such other security actions as may be directed.

9. The SSC structured and monitors the "B" Security System to protect the operational aspects of [REDACTED]

10. The Special Assistant, SSC, serves as the Security Consultant on COMOR.

11. A member of the SSC has served as the OS representative to the Working Group of the Security Committee of USIB in structuring a uniform personnel security code to define minimum personnel security requirements for security approvals for access to compartmented information.

12. The Center serves the Director of Security as Executive Office in correspondence to and for the DCI on matters of security relating to the [REDACTED]

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13. The SSC provides a security representative to the CIA Group concerned with the review of MAIA activities bearing specifically on [REDACTED] activities.

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IV. ORGANIZATION

Chief, SSC

Policy Branch

Survey Branch

Special Assistant (TSO)

Special Assistant (Public Information)

Special Assistant (Detailed to ^{Pentagon} Program II)

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Responsible for establishing security policy for compartmented major (TS) intelligence programs conducted by CIA and other agencies. This includes the establishment of a uniform system of security controls and other provisions for the maximum protection of intelligence sources and methods to be employed within these programs on an intelligence community-wide basis. An integral part of its functions, the Center concerns itself with the security aspects of industrial development and procurement of intelligence collecting systems, the operational utilization and/or development of such systems and the dissemination of collected intelligence products. In addition, the Center conducts the necessary liaison and inspections on a continual periodic basis to determine compliance with established security policies. Conduct security briefings and debriefings within CIA and non-USIB portions of the intelligence community under three (3) separate control programs, namely, Special Intelligence, operational access, and product access. In the latter two programs, the Center supervises the establishment of and oversees the operations of the control centers for the entire intelligence community at home and abroad.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

THROUGH : Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Establishment of the Special Clearance
Security Control Center

1. The Director of Security is given the additional duty of organizing and operating the Special Clearance Security Control Center. This Center will consolidate and be responsible for the following security functions presently handled separately by DPD, the CIA COMINT Officer, TSO/CIA, and NPIC:

X (a) Maintain central records of all Special Security Clearances and keep appropriate files pertaining to the requesting and granting of all clearances, including secrecy agreements signed by the persons cleared.

X (b) Upon request, advise officials and organizations, both domestically and abroad, of Special Clearances granted to individuals.

X (c) Receive and process requests for Special Clearances.

✓ (d) Conduct briefings and debriefings of those persons granted Special Clearances and obtain signatures on secrecy agreements. However, if the geographic location is a factor the Center may delegate this function.

✓ (e) Establish and maintain uniform procedures and control mechanisms for the protection of the sensitive information and material under the control of the Center.

✓ (f) Conduct security inspections and surveys to insure compliance with policies and procedures. This will involve inspections of certain Centers of this and other Agencies both in the United States and abroad.

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(g) The CIA COMINT Officer and the Director of Security will establish procedures to implement subparagraphs (e) and (f), above, in accordance with the intent of the provisions of CIA Regulation 120.

2. The determination of the "need to know" of a person considered for a Special Clearance will continue to be a command decision of the component concerned and not that of the Special Clearance Security Control Center.

3. Cooperation with the Office of Security is required of these components which are now handling separately the functions to be performed by the Center. It will be necessary to transfer some slots as well as certain individuals and office equipment to the Office of Security. Necessary office space and funds will be provided the Office of Security for this Center.

MARSHALL S. CARTER

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

CONCURRENCES:

Director of Security

Date

Director, National Photographic
Interpretation Center

Date

Acting Chief, Development Project
Division

Date

~~Assistant Director for Current~~
Intelligence

Date

CIA COMINT Officer

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Special Security Center Day By Day Support To The DDI Includes:

- ✓ 1. Support to the CIA SIGINT Officer
- X 2. Response to requirements from DDI/EO in dealing with the Office of Security
- ✓ 3. Continuing support to the ATCO/CIA
- ✓ 4. Support to Information Requirements Staff /DDI
- ✓ 5. Security support to the DDI in non-USIB dealings with White House and executive branches of government
- X 6. Presence TSO/CIA for immediate consultation
- ✓ 7. Security support to DDI trips to international conferences, i.e., SALT conferences, DDI foreign trips
- ✓ 8. Support to CIA members, COMIREX, SIGINT Committee and their subcommittees
- ✓ 9. Support to DDI Security Officer
- ✓ 10. Support to DDI registries

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